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July 28, 2003

Assemblymember Gene Mullin
California Assembly
1528 South El Camino Real Suite 302
San Mateo, CA 94402

**SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment/Initial Study & Public Information Meeting for the
US 101 3rd Avenue to Millbrae Avenue Auxiliary Lanes Project**

Dear Assemblymember Mullin:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation (Department) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in partnership with San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) have prepared an Environmental Assessment/ Initial Study (EA/IS) for the U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA/IS will be available for public and agency review beginning July 28, 2003 and written comments will be accepted until August 29, 2003.

The proposed project adds an auxiliary lane in both directions of the U.S. 101, just south of Millbrae Avenue, in the City of Burlingame, to Third Avenue, in the City of San Mateo. The purpose of the project is to reduce weaving and merging conflicts and improve overall freeway system performance and safety. Other improvements include construction and upgrades to pedestrian and bicycle overcrossings, installation of ramp-metering and construction of noise abatement sound walls.

The Department and SMCTA will host an Open House to present project information and solicit public comment on the EA/IS. Maps and exhibits will be on display and project representatives will be available to answer your questions. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2003

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Poplar Creek Golf Course, Dominic's Restaurant, 1700 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Open House. Please drop by at any time during the hours indicated above.

Sincerely,

BIJAN SARTIPI
District Director